

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus using system including at least one image forming apparatus having a touch panel and an office supply information server that is connected to the image forming apparatuses via a network,

the image forming apparatus comprising:

a mail box that provides a storage area for each user who uses the image forming apparatus;

an operating system that provides a graphical user interface by which the user operates the image forming apparatus on the touch panel;

a client information sending part for sending order information to the office supply information server; and

a server information receiving part for receiving information from the office supply information server,

the office supply information server comprising:

an advertisement generator that generates advertisement information for each user based on past order history and stores the advertisement information in the storage area for each user;

a display for displaying advertisement information of a specific user identified by the image forming apparatus;

a server information sending part for sending information to the image forming apparatus; and

a client information receiving part for receiving information input from the touch panel of the image forming apparatus,

the image forming apparatus further comprising:

a supply remaining amount sending part for sending, to the office supply information server, data of a remaining amount of a consumable item that is consumed by the image forming apparatus in image forming processing, wherein,

the office supply information server sends a warning relating to the remaining amount to the image forming apparatus when the received remaining amount is smaller than a predetermined amount and displays the warning relating to the remaining amount only for a specific user identified by the image forming apparatus, and

the image forming apparatus orders the consumable item from the office supply information server by using the client information sending part based on information input from the touch panel.

Claims 2-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus using system as claimed in claim 1, the office supply information server further comprising:

a user information storing part for storing order history of each user;

a preference information storing part for storing preference information of each user;

an advertisement generation part for generating an advertisement to be sent to each user on the basis of the order history and the preference information; and

an advertisement sending part for sending the advertisement to the image forming apparatus.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus using system as claimed in claim 1,

the image forming apparatus further comprising:

a scanning part for scanning a barcode of the supply; and

a barcode sending part for sending information of the barcode to the office supply information server, and

the office supply information server further comprising:

a search part for searching for an office supply corresponding to the barcode by using the information of the barcode,

wherein the office supply information server sends information of the office supply to the image forming apparatus if the office supply is found from the information of the barcode, and the office supply information server registers the information of the office supply in an expansion commodity storage as a commodity to be newly dealt in if the office supply is not found from the information of the barcode.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus using system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the image forming apparatus displays an order screen for ordering consumable items in addition to displaying a supply order prompt message, an advertisement, a warning or the information of the supply corresponding to the barcode; and

the image forming apparatus sends information input from the order screen to the office supply information sever so that the consumable items are ordered.

Claim 9 (Original): The image forming apparatus using system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the order screen is displayed on the image forming apparatus as a screen different from a screen showing the supply order prompt message, the advertisement, the warning or the information of the supply corresponding to the barcode.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus using system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the image forming apparatus outputs the order information input from the order screen as a facsimile format so that the consumable item is ordered by facsimile.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus using system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

the office supply information server refers to an amount of money stored in the user information storing part wherein the amount of money is a limit amount usable by the user for ordering office supplies; and

if an amount of money necessary for purchasing the consumable items ordered from the image forming apparatus by the user is smaller than the limit amount of money, the image forming apparatus performs an approval process.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The image forming apparatus using system as claimed in claim 1 including a first image forming apparatus placed in a user's site, a second image forming apparatus placed in a municipality, and an office supply information server that is connected to the first and second image forming apparatuses, wherein:

the first image forming apparatus applies for a document by sending application information to the office supply information server;

the office supply information server sends a document reservation number to the first image forming apparatus on the basis of the application information;

the first image forming apparatus outputs the document reservation number; and

the second image forming apparatus outputs the document on the basis of the document reservation number input by the user.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): An office supply information server that is connected to at least one image forming apparatus having a touch panel and having a mail box that provides a storage area for each user who uses the image forming apparatus via a network, the office supply information server comprising:

an advertisement generator part for generating advertisement information for each user based on past order history and storing the advertisement information in the storage area of the image forming apparatus for each user;

a display part for displaying advertisement information of a specific user identified by the image forming apparatus;

a server information sending part for sending information to the image forming apparatus; and

a client information receiving part for receiving information input from the touch panel of the image forming apparatus, wherein,

the office supply information server receives data of a remaining amount of a consumable item that is consumed in the image forming apparatus in image forming processing, and

the office supply information server sends a warning relating to the remaining amount to the image forming apparatus when the received remaining amount is smaller than a

predetermined amount and displays the warning relating to the remaining amount only for a specific user identified by the image forming apparatus, and

the office supply information server sends a supply replenishment prompt signal for prompting a user of the image forming apparatus to replenish the consumable item to the image forming apparatus when the remaining amount is smaller than a predetermined amount for the consumable item.

Claim 14 (Original): The office supply information server as claimed in claim 13, the office supply information server further comprising:

- a user information storing part for storing order history of each user;
- a preference information storing part for storing preference information of each user;
- an advertisement generation part for generating an advertisement to be sent to each user on the basis of the order history and the preference information; and
- an advertisement sending part for sending the advertisement to the image forming apparatus.

Claims 15-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The office supply information server as claimed in claim 13, the office supply information server further comprising:

- a search part for receiving information of a barcode from the image forming apparatus, and searching for the consumable item corresponding to the barcode by using the information of the barcode,

- wherein the office supply information server sends information of the consumable item to the image forming apparatus if the consumable item is found from the information of

the barcode, and the office supply information server registers the information of the consumable item in an expansion commodity storage as a commodity to be newly dealt in if the consumable item is not found from the information of the barcode.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The office supply information server as claimed in claim 13, wherein:

the office supply information server refers to an amount of money stored in the user information storing part wherein the amount of money is a limit amount usable by a user for ordering consumable items; and

if an amount of money necessary for purchasing consumable items ordered from the image forming apparatus by the user is smaller than the limit amount of money, the image forming apparatus performs an approval process.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The office supply information server as claimed in claim 13, the office supply information server further comprising:

a stock management part for managing stock of consumable items, wherein the stock management part performs stock management on the basis of information of the consumable item relating to the supply order prompt message, information of the consumable item relating to the warning, or the information of the barcode.